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(EMS) - VISIT OF DR. WILLIAM GEMMA

DEPARTMENT PASS HEW FOR DR. EGEBERG

REF: ROME 1918 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS REPORT, COORDINATED WITH EMBASSY
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BRUSSELS, OF HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL FIVIT BY DR. WILLIAM
GEMMA, U.S. EXPERT ON EMS, TO BRUSSELS MARCH 4-5, FOR
TALKS WITH GOB AND CONSULTATION AT NATO HQ ON SUBJECT
PILOT STUDY, WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS ON EMS PROJECT.

REQUEST EARLY DEPARTMENT RESPONSE ON SUGGESTED EAST EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN FORTHCOMING EMS MEETING IN ROME (SEE PARA 3 BELOW). END SUMMARY.

1. DISCUSSIONS WITHBOG MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL DR. S. HALTER AND OTHER BELGIAN HEALTH OFFICIALS VERY BENEFICIAL. NEW BELGIAN CONTACT AND REPRESENTATIVE TO EMS PROJECT WILL BE DR. AMERLINCK, INSPECTOR GENERAL, EMERGENCY CALL SERVICE, WHO WILL ATTEND EMS MEETING ROME APRIL 22-24, 1974.

2. ASKED WHAT TOPICS CURRENT LIST OF CCMS HEALTH CARE PROJECTS MIGHT BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE, DR. HALTER AND OTHER GOB HEALTH OFFICIALS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION AND THE FINANCING AND ORGANIZATION OF HEALTH SERVICES AS POSSIBLE ADDITIONS.

3. HALTER ET AL FAVOR INVITING EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY RUMANIA WITH WHICH BELGIUM HAS CLOSE BILATERAL HEALTH TIES, TO PARTICIPATE IN APRIL EMS MEETING IN ROME. THIS POINT ALREADY DISCUSSED AT LENGTH DURING PRESENT TOUR BY GEMMA WITH ITALIAN AND PORTUGUESE CHAIRMAN AND CO-CHAIRMAN OF EMS PROJECT, WHO ALSO SUPPORT IDEA. ON BASIS OF SUBSEQUEN GEMMA INFORMAL DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT IN BUDAPEST WITH HUNGARIAN EMS EXPERT DR. GABOR, THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE MOST PROMINET EE COUNTRIES AND OFFICIALS IN EMS FIELD, INTERNATIONALLY AND DOMESTICALLY, AND HENCE THOSE WHICH POTENTIALLY COULD CONTRIBUTE MOST TO ROME MEETING.

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IF WASHINGTON CONCURS IN ABOVE PROPOSAL, MISSION WILL SEEK ALLIED SILENT CONSENT FOR INVITATION TO HUNGARY AND BULGARIA TO SEND OBSERVERS. SILENT CONSENT ALREADY OBTAINED HERE IN AUTUMN 1972 FOR USSR TO SEND OBSERVER TO MEETING OF THIS PILOT STUDY (IN CONNECTION WITH INVITATION TO SAN FRANCISCO MEETING). IF WASHINGTON ALSO WISHES INVITE RUMANIA TO SEND EMS EXPERT OBSERVER, IN RESPONSE TO BELGIAN INTEREST ABOVE, ALLIED SILENT CONSENT ALREADY HAS BEEN GAINED FOR RUMAINAIA AS WELL IN CONNECTION WITH INVITATION TO OCTOBER 1972 SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH CARE PILOT STUDY MEETING. PLEASE DVICE USNATO AND INSTRUCT OTHER POSTS ACCORDINGLY.

4. AT NATO GEMMA MET WITH ASYG OZDAS AND OTHER IS OFFICIALS, GAVE BRIEFING AT USNATO FOR MISSION NAD INTERESTED ALLIED DELEGATION OFFICIERS, PLUS OZDAS AND IS REPS, AND JOINED ALLIED DELEGATION OFFICERS REPRESENTTING HEALTH CARE PROJECT LEAD COUNTRIES FOR LUNCH. GEMMA VISIT WELCOMED AT NATO AS PARTICULARLY TIMELY AND USEFUL MEANS OF PROVIDING ALLIES AND IS WITH COHERENT, UPDATED PICTURE OF PILOT STUDY ACTIVITY AND OBJECTIVES AS SEEN FROM WASHINGTON AND AS DEMONSTRATION OF SUSTAINED PRIORITY INTEREST ON PART OF U.S. AS PILOT COUNTRY. IS AND ALLIED DELEGATIONS ESPECIALLY GRATIFIED, AS WERE BELGIAN OFFICIALS, BY INDICATION OF PILOT STUDY CONTINUITY PROVIDED BY GEMMA VISIT.

5. MISSION AND EMBASSY BRUSSELS COMMENT: JUDGING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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BY RESULTS IN BRUSSELS, CURRENT GEMMA EUROPEAN SWING SHOULD HAVE INVIGORATING EFFECT ON ALLIED ROLES IN PILOT STUDY. FREQUENT TURNOVER IN ALLIED LEADERSHIP AND EXPERT PARTICIPANTS ININDIVIDUAL PROJECTS HAS BEEN DETRIMENTAL TO PROGRESS IN HEALTH CARE PILOT STUDY WORK PROGRAM. THIS HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY TRUE OF EMS. GEMMA'S DESIGNATION AS U.S. EXPERT FOR EMS AND HIS DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN PREPARATION FOR APRIL EMS MEETING CLEARLY ARE BEING GREETED BY ALLIES AS REASSURING SIGNOF CONTINUITY IN WORK PROGRAM, AT LEAST ON U.S. SIDE. IN TURN GEMMA HAS STRESSED TO ALLIES CONTACTED THE IMPORTANCE TO WORK PROGRAM OF THEIR MAINTAINING CONSISTENT LEADERSHIP OR PARTICIPATION IN THEPROJECTS IN WHICH THEY ARE ACTIVE, AND THIS SEEMS TO BE SINKING IN. MISSION AND EMBASSY BELIEVE GEMMA'S PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION AT THIS STAGE IS INDISPENSABLE IN GETTING EMS WORK ON THE TRACK AND ACHIEVING POSITIVE RESULTS. WE BELIEVE HIS CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT IN PILOT STUDY TO BE ESSENTIAL DEMONSTRATION TO ALLIES THAT U.S. PREPARED TO PRACTICE WHAT IT PREACHES. IN TERMS OF PROVIDING KEY PROJECT

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